

pretty well, so I gave up.

Q What was Mr. Mellinger doing?

A He was simply taking a walk out on the beach, possibly to take an early morning dip in the ocean; he very often does that, but whether he did that that morning and whether he had his bathing suit on I don't remember; but anyway he was out on the beach and I am almost positive that he had friends with him, a man, I can't think of the name at the present time, but you can get that very easily from Mrs. Stevens; she has all this down, and I am almost positive that he had friends with him, and I think I saw them the night before too, friend or friends, I wouldn't say which. After going in the house I changed my clothes and I always go down, and as I always do, I went down town about train time.

Q Now, how long had you been out on the beach before you got soaked?

A I wasn't out on the beach more than half an hour.

Q That would make it about quarter past six?

A Yes; I couldn't have been there more than that altogether.

Q Then you went into the house?

A Yes.

Q Changed your clothes?